THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Most of the Telecom Transmission equipment are being manufactured locally in India. As regards FAX machines these are being manufactured in India and the Deptt. of Telecom does not import them from abroad. A number of individuals are importing FAX machines and it is not feasible to provide the source or price of these machines, due to variations in size facilities, features, etc.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of 'b' above.

Setting up of a telecom factory in Hyderabad

497. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of telecom factories in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a telecom factory at Hyderabad; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Telecom. Factory, Bombay, Telecom. Factory, Calcutta, Telecom Factory, Kharagpur. Telecom Factory, (Wright Town. Jabalpur) Telecom Factory, Rehhai Jabalpur), Telecom. Factory Bhilai.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Setting up of a Postal Housing Corporation

498. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Postal Housing Corporation;

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not ,what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

(b) In view of (a) above question does not arise.

(c) Subject to justification for staff quarters as well as availability of funds, Department constructs staff quarters.

Evaluation of speed post system

499. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any evaluation of the speed post system so as to know the drawbacks/weaknesses;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to legalise the courier services being run by various companies in the country; and

(d) if so, whether any decision has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. Monitoring and quality control checks are continuously carried out to identify draw backs/weaknesses of Speed Post.

(b) Since Speed Post is run by a Government Department, there are some inherent constraints like inability to give discretionary discount to bulk mailers and difficulty in ensuring prompt refund of fees in case of delayed delivery.

(c) No Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above, question does not arise.